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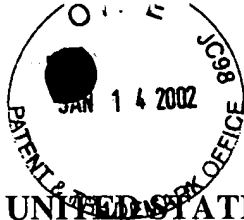
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AMENDMENT

This amendment is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed December 13, 2001 (Paper No. 7), the date of response to which is January 13, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to add headings and subheadings as follows.

Page 1, between the title and line 1, insert the following heading and subheading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

B1 1. Field of the Invention--;

Page 1, above the paragraph beginning at line 4, insert the following subheading:

B2 --2. Discussion of Prior Art--.